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BUILD YOUR OWN HISTORY BOOK



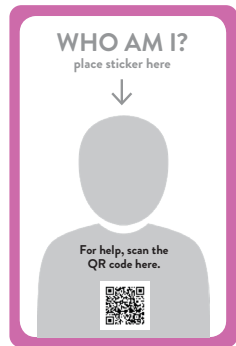
The most fun you will have
learning about the wonderful
world of music!

HOW IT WORKS

This **Build Your Own History** Sticker Book contains some of the most interesting, important, influential and inspiring **MUSICIANS** of all time! Have fun while sticking and strive to reach your own potential to have a sticker made of you!

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Each page of this sticker book has a **COLOR THEME** & each sticker belongs in one specific spot. Figure out which one goes where!



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STICKERS come in sheets of 9... notice that their different color backgrounds match the page on which it belongs.



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BUT HOW? For example, read a description in a section & try to match the correct colored sticker.



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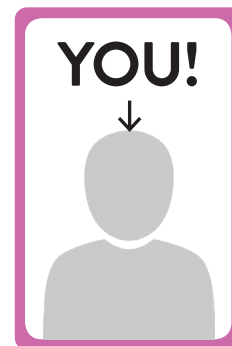
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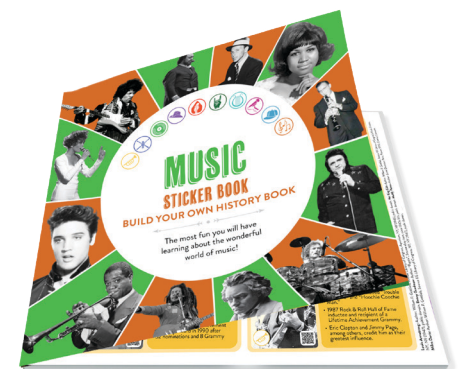
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CONGRATULATIONS!
You have **Built Your Own History Book!**



MUSIC'S NEXT GREAT STICKER!

This inspirational history book belongs to:

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Add your picture and join the other LEGENDS of MUSIC!

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Birthplace: _____

Hobbies: _____

Proud Accomplishments: _____

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LOUIS ARMSTRONG



Born Aug. 4, 1901 in New Orleans
Died 1971

- American trumpeter, scat singer and one of the most influential people in the history of jazz.
- Had 19 Top 10 records, including “Stardust,” “What a Wonderful World” & “When The Saints Go Marching In.”
- Nicknamed “Pops,” he was posthumously awarded a Lifetime Achievement Grammy in 1972.
- Wore a Star of David as an adult in solidarity to the Jewish family who helped him as a child.

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Born Mar. 17, 1919 in AL
Died 1965

- Singer, jazz pianist and actor who was the first African-American performer to host a television variety show.
- His “The Christmas Song” hit was actually written for him by friend and fellow singer Mel Tormé.
- “Mona Lisa” spent 5 weeks at #1 on the Billboard singles chart & “Unforgettable” was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2000.



JAZZ & BLUES

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Born May 30, 1909 in Chicago
Died 1986

- This “King of Swing” was a jazz clarinetist and bandleader who helped launch the Swing Era.
- Most of his live shows opened with his classic “Let’s Dance.”
- On the B-side of “Sometimes I’m Happy,” the Fletcher Henderson arrangement of “King Porter Stomp” became the standard for the swing and big band era.
- Jazz history was made with his 1938 sold-out debut concert at Carnegie Hall in NYC.

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Born May 26, 1926 in IL
Died 1991

- Jazz trumpeter called the “Picasso of Jazz,” he also played the piano, flugelhorn and organ.
- The best-selling jazz album in history is his 1959 *Kind Of Blue*.
- Among his many hits were “All Blues,” “So What,” “Venus de Milo” and “Seven Steps To Heaven.”
- Received Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award in 1990 after 32 nominations and 8 Grammy Awards spanning 30 years.

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Born Apr. 4, 1913 in MS | **Died** 1983

- The “Father of modern Chicago blues,” he was born McKinley Morganfield but got his nickname from always playing in filthy Deer Creek!
- Signature songs included “Trouble No More” and “Hoochie Coochie Man.”
- 1987 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee and recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Grammy.
- Eric Clapton and Jimmy Page, among others, credit him as their greatest influence.

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Born Jul. 20, 1947 in Mexico

- Guitarist in the Rock Hall who pioneered mixing rock music with Latin American jazz and African rhythms.
- He has won 11 Grammy or Latin Grammy Awards for his best selling album *Supernatural* and classic tunes such as "Black Magic Woman," "Evil Ways," "Soul Sacrifice" & "Smooth."
- Nicknamed "Devadip," which means "The lamp, light and eye of God," by his spiritual guru.

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Born Aug. 19, 1939 in London
Died 2019

- Known as co-founder of the band Cream and member of Blind Faith, he's regarded as rock's first true superstar drummer.
- He pioneered the use of 2 kick drums and had a unique style of combining African rhythms with jazz after having lived there.
- Songs that showcased his drumming chops included "Toad" (solo), "White Room" (Cream) and "Do What You Like" (Blind Faith).

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Born Mar. 30, 1945 in England

- Legendary guitarist and singer for Derek and the Dominoes, The Yardbirds, Cream and Blind Faith, along with his own solo work.
- Nicknamed "slowhand" because he stopped live performances to fix the guitar strings he broke!
- Received critical and commercial acclaim from "Layla," "Tears in Heaven," "Crossroads," and "Sunshine of Your Love," plus his best selling album *Unplugged*.
- Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee 3 separate times!

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Born Nov. 27, 1942 in Seattle
Died 1970

- Considered the greatest rock guitarist of all time.
- Using "wah-wah" effects and distortion sounds, he forever changed the sound of rock & roll.
- His biggest hits included "Hey Joe," "Purple Haze," "The Wind Cries Mary" and "All Along The Watchtower."
- Inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1992 and the R&B Hall of Fame in 2016.



GUITARISTS & DRUMMERS

BUDDY HOLLY & CRICKETS



Formed 1957 in Texas

- Formed by the headline singer with drummer Jerry Allison and bassist Joe B. Mauldin, named for these insects because they also make music!
- Big hits included “Peggy Sue” and “That’ll Be The Day,” no. 39 on *Rolling Stone’s 500 Greatest Songs Of All Time*.
- On “the day the music died” in 1959, the singer tragically died in a plane crash with Richie Valens and “The Big Bopper.”

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Formed 1961 in Detroit, MI

- Formed when the bands the Primes and the Distant merged, these Motown legends’ hits include “Ain’t Too Proud to Beg,” “My Girl,” “Treat Her Like A Lady” and “Papa Was a Rollin’ Stone.”
- Pioneers of R&B, soul, vocal harmonies and their dance choreography.
- First Motown artist to win a Grammy, the band also has a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and are in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.



GOLDEN OLDIES

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Born Feb. 26, 1928 in New Orleans
Died 2017

- Pioneer pianist & singer whose single “The Fat Man” was the 1st to sell over a million copies.
- His “Blueberry Hill” sold over 5 million copies and other hit songs of his included “I’m Walking To New Orleans,” “Ain’t That A Shame” and “Blue Monday.”
- Elvis Presley called him the “real king of rock & roll” and he was in the 1st class to be inducted into the Rock Hall.

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Formed 1959 in Detroit, MI

- Motown all-female singing group consisting of Florence Ballard, Mary Wilson, Diana Ross & Betty McGlown.
- Noted for their crossover success and inspiration, they’re ranked 16th on *Billboard’s Hot 100 Artists of All Time*.
- Classic songs include “Baby Love,” “Come See About Me,” “You Can’t Hurry Love” and “Your Heart Belongs To Me.”
- Inducted into the Rock Hall and received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

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Born Apr. 23, 1936 in Texas
Died 1988

- Nicknamed “The Big O” due to his operatic voice, his legendary career began with a guitar on his 6th birthday.
- A soloist then founding member of The Traveling Wilburys supergroup, his hits included “Ooby Dooby,” “Only the Lonely,” “Running Scared” and his most famous, “Oh, Pretty Woman.”
- The Beatles and Elvis Presley both opened for him and he’s in 4 halls of fame!

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Born Apr. 29, 1933 in TX

- Iconic American musician known for popular country songs “Crazy,” “On The Road Again” and “Always On My Mind.”
- Also a well-known activist for horses, marijuana and farms as a founder of Farm Aid, for which he was enshrined in the National Agriculture Hall of Fame.
- His album “Stardust” spent 540 straight weeks on the Country Album chart!
- Kennedy Center Honor recipient and Country Music Hall of Fame inductee.

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Born Feb. 26, 1932 in Arkansas
Died 2003

- Singer, songwriter & musician nicknamed “The Man in Black” for his signature all-black wardrobe.
- Despite his outlaw persona, was a U.S. Air Force veteran who performed free prison concerts.
- Well-known hits include “I Walk the Line,” “Folsom Prison Blues” and “Ring of Fire.”
- One of the few people inducted into the Country, Rock & Roll and Gospel Music Halls of Fame.

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Born Jan. 19, 1946 in TN

- Superstar country musician and actress who’s sold over 100 million albums!
- Her classics include “Jolene,” “I Will Always Love You” and “The Coat of Many Colors.”
- Her song “9 to 5” was made into a movie in which she starred, and she’s been nominated for Academy, Grammy, Tony & Emmy Awards.
- Her Foundation supports childhood literacy and mails millions of books to underprivileged children.



FOLK & COUNTRY

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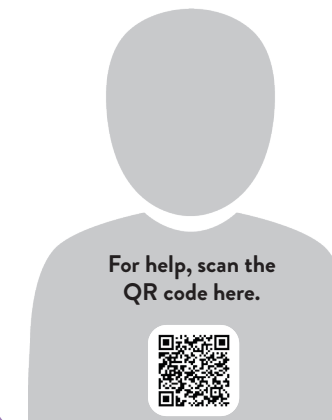


Born Feb. 7, 1962 in OK

- Singer and songwriter known for fusing rock & pop into country.
- Only artist in history to have 9 albums achieve Diamond status in the US, eclipsing the Beatles who only have 6.
- Some of his greatest hits are “If Tomorrow Never Comes,” “The River,” “Papa Loved Mama” and his signature anthem, “Friends in Low Places.”
- Also the best-selling solo albums artist in the U.S., ahead of Elvis!

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Born May 24, 1941 in MN

- Acclaimed singer, songwriter and author, he’s considered one of the greatest songwriters of all time.
- “Like a Rolling Stone” changed him from regular folk singer to rock star, and “Blowin’ In The Wind” was his protest song about peace, freedom and war.
- Other top hits include “Knocking On Heaven’s Door,” “Tangled Up In Blue” and “Mr. Tambourine Man.”
- Awarded 10 Grammys and won the Nobel Prize for Literature.

THE DOORS



Formed 1965 in Los Angeles

- Enigmatic and influential American rock band named after a book on psychedelia by author Aldous Huxley.
- Led by singer, songwriter and poet frontman Jim Morrison, they recorded wildly successful songs such as “Hello, I Love You,” “Riders on the Storm,” “Break on Through” and “Light My Fire.”
- 1st American band with 8 consecutive gold LPs, and Rock Hall inductees in 1993.

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Formed 1960 in Liverpool

- The most influential band of all-time, they’ve sold over 600 million records and have more #1 hits than any artist in history.
- These “Fab Four” exploded onto the U.S. music scene, launching the “British Invasion” with classics like “I Want to Hold Your Hand,” “Penny Lane,” “Yellow Submarine” and “Let it Be.”
- Members John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr were inspirations for countless bands to come.



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Formed 1965 in Palo Alto, CA

- Founding members Jerry Garcia, Bob Weir, Phil Lesh, Ron McKernan and Bill Kreutzmann played eclectic music spanning blues, country, jazz, rock, folk, bluegrass and reggae.
- Iconic images associated with them are Steal Your Face and Dancing Bears and the timeless songs “Sugar Magnolia,” “Touch of Grey,” and “Ripple.”
- Known for epic live performances where their adoring, tie-dye wearing fans were allowed to record their shows.

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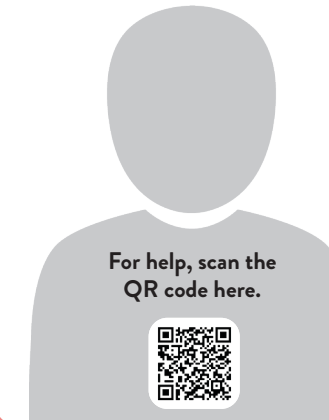


Formed 1972 in New Jersey

- The “Boss” and his band members “Miami,” “Professor,” “Phantom,” “Mighty,” “W” & “Big Man” focused on struggles and dreams of the American working-class.
- Produced iconic albums *Greetings from Asbury Park, N.J.*, *Born to Run* & *The River*, and songs “Thunder Road,” “Hungry Heart,” & “Badlands.”
- Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees with over 150 million albums sold over a 50 year career.

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Formed 1968 in London

- Originally called the New Yardbirds, they consisted of singer Robert Plant, guitarist Jimmy Page, bassist & keyboardist John Paul Jones and drummer John Bonham.
- Powerful, innovative songs include “Whole Lotta Love,” “Ramble On” and “Black Dog,” and their legendary classic “Stairway to Heaven” routinely tops most lists as the greatest song ever recorded.
- With over 200 million albums sold, they’re one of the most popular and influential bands in history.

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Formed 1970 in London

- 3rd most popular rock band in history, based on sales, chart appearances and online views/streams.
- With Brian May, John Deacon, Roger Taylor & legendary frontman Freddie Mercury, their 1985 Live Aid set was arguably the greatest live performance in rock history.
- Classic cuts are “Another One Bites The Dust,” “We Are The Champions” & “Bohemian Rhapsody,” also the title of an award-winning film about them.

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Formed 1962 in London

- Legendary band whose name is inspired by a Muddy Waters song and are still performing after 60 years and 2000+ shows!
- Most well-known members are Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Bill Wyman, Ronnie Wood and Charlie Watts.
- Performed the largest rock concert in music history (to 1.5 million people!) and known for their amazing songs “Ruby Tuesday,” “Paint It Black,” “Wild Horses” and their biggest hit, “(I Can’t Get No) Satisfaction.”

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Formed 1976 in Dublin

- Members Bono, the Edge, Adam Clayton & Larry Mullen Jr. have won more Grammy Awards than any other band.
- Unique & diverse musical style spans punk-influenced alternative, rock, funk, pop, electronic, disco and dance.
- Many of their incredible songs reflect their political, social & cultural beliefs, such as “Sunday Bloody Sunday” “Pride (In the Name of Love)” & “New Year’s Day.”



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Formed 1964 in London

- Pioneering and influential band who’ve sold over 100 million albums with such songs as “Pinball Wizard,” “Behind Blue Eyes,” “Who Are You,” “Won’t Get Fooled Again” & “Baba O’Riley.”
- Main members Roger Daltry, Pete Townsend, John Entwistle & Keith Moon hold the record for the loudest concert in history!
- Credited with developing the power chord, employing feedback and popularizing the rock opera, they’ve inspired bands spanning every genre.

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Formed 1958 in England

- Brothers Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb formed this music trio with a style & sound that earned them the moniker “The Disco Kings.”
- “Stayin’ Alive,” “Night Fever” and “Tragedy” are among their most famous songs, and *Saturday Night Fever* (soundtrack to the movie starring John Travolta) was a best-selling album.
- As disco began to wane, they wrote hit songs for Kenny Rogers, Barbra Steisand & Dolly Parton, among many others.

BLACK SABBATH



Formed 1968 in England

- Dubbed “Greatest Metal Band” and “the Beatles of heavy metal,” they were critically panned but a huge commercial success.
- Founders Ozzy Osbourne, Tony Iommi, Geezer Butler and Bill Ward based their dark, ominous sound and the band’s name on a 1963 horror film.
- Their “Iron Man,” “Paranoid” and “War Pigs” are signature tunes in heavy metal and hard rock.
- Continue to be a major cultural influence across music, tv, film and literature.

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Formed 1973 in NYC

- Hard rocking, heavy-metal band known for their trademark face paint & black leather costumes.
- Original band members were Paul Stanley (the Starchild), Gene Simmons (the Demon), Ace Frehley (the Spaceman) and Peter Criss (the Catman).
- Their passionate “Army” of fans dress up like the band members.
- Rock Hall inductees for such metal classics as “Rock And Roll All Night,” “Detroit Rock City,” “Beth” and “Psycho Circus.”



PUNK, METAL & ALTERNATIVE

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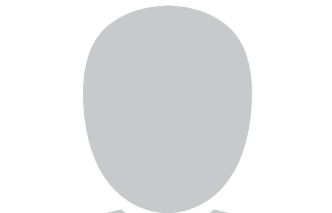


Formed 1974 in NYC

- First true punk rock band, known for pounding, 3-chord riffs, ripped jeans and leather jackets.
- The band members weren’t related but they all took the same surname, which was the pseudonym the Beatles’ Paul McCartney used when checking into hotels.
- Head bangers include “Blitzkrieg Bop,” “Rockaway Beach” and “I Wanna Be Sedated.”
- Essentially toured non-stop, playing over 2,200 shows over 22 years!

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Born Dec. 21, 1940 in MD
Died 1993

- This rock, jazz and orchestral musician featured unconventional sounds, experimental compositions and satirical lyrics during a career which produced over 60 albums!
- Along with his band Mothers of Invention, his innovative and non-conformist style poked fun at social, political & cultural norms.
- The “Godfather of Comedy Rock” produced “Valley Girl,” “Dancing Fool,” “Don’t Eat the Yellow Snow” and rock opera “Joe’s Garage.”

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Formed 1990 in Seattle

- Original grunge band led by Eddie Vedder, Jeff Ament, Stone Gossard, Mike McCready and Matt Cameron.
- Debut album Ten went 13x platinum with hits “Alive,” “Even Flow,” & “Jeremy,” and they were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in the 1st year they were eligible.
- Social, political & environmental activists who’ve used their fame to fight injustice and support the arts, education & social change.

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Born 1770 in Germany
Died 1827

- German composer, pianist & key figure in the transition between the Classical & Romantic eras of music.
- His “5th Symphony” changed the way people felt about the emotional impact of music.
- He dedicated his famous piano work “Moonlight Sonata” to a Hungarian countess he loved.
- Known as the most famous and influential composer in history, despite debilitating hearing loss!

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Born Oct. 12, 1935 in Italy
Died 2007

- Powerful Italian tenor known for his tone & purity, especially high C notes.
- Struggled reading orchestral scores but nonetheless holds the Guinness World Record for most curtain calls!
- His stunning rendition of “Nessun dorma,” by Giacomo Puccini, became the soundtrack for the FIFA World Cup.
- Awarded 5 Grammys and a Kennedy Center Honor in 2001.

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Born Jan. 27, 1756 in Austria
Died 1791

- Taught by his father, this composer & pianist began performing at only 6.
- Prolific composer of over 800 works, including the famous “Clarinet Concerto,” “The Marriage of Figaro” & “Serenade No. 13 in G Major.”
- Composed in every, he composed in every major genre (symphony, opera, concerto, chamber, piano sonata, etc).
- He’s been the source of countless novels, plays, operas and films.



OPERA & CLASSICAL

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Born Sep. 22, 1958 in Italy

- Multi-talented musician & singer who lost his eyesight at age 12.
- Often criticized in the world of classical music, his *Sacred Arias* is nevertheless the best selling classical solo album in history.
- Gained worldwide acclaim for his album *Sogno* & his song “Con te partirò (Time To Say Goodbye)” is one of the best-selling singles of all time.
- Widely regarded as the most popular Italian singer of all time.

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Born Mar. 31, 1685 in Germany
Died 1750

- Born into a talented musical family.
- Named the greatest composer of all time (by other composers!), he also sang soprano and played the violin, organ and harpsichord.
- Popularized the four-part harmony in his chamber music, concertos and orchestral compositions.
- Some of his well-known works include “Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor,” “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” and “Brandenburg Concertos.”

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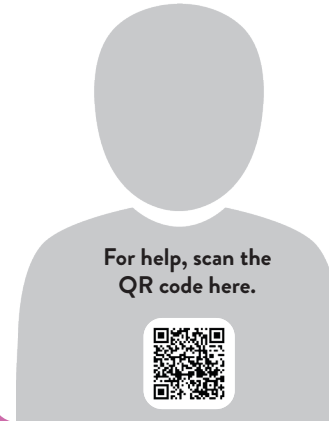


Born June 7, 1958 in MN
Died 2016

- Multi-instrumentalist who mixed rock, pop and new wave along with his high pitched screams.
- Had huge hits “When Doves Cry” & “Let’s Go Crazy,” but also wrote other popular songs like “Nothing Compares 2 U” for Sinead O’Connor and “Manic Monday” for the Bangles.
- His signature album, *Purple Rain*, was also the soundtrack to a movie by the same name and won an Academy Award for Best Original Song Score.

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Born Mar. 25, 1942 in TN
Died 2018

- “The Queen of Soul” had 20 #1 R&B singles and won an amazing 18 Grammy Awards.
- Rolling Stone named her the Greatest Singer of all time, and her song “Respect” the #1 Song of all time, which was also made into an acclaimed film about the civil rights & feminist movements.
- Her catalog is filled with hits like “Think,” “You Make Me Feel Like A Natural Woman,” “Spirit In The Dark” and “Amazing Grace.”



R&B, SOUL & REGGAE

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Born May 13, 1950 in MI

- Born Stevland Hardaway Judkins and blind since birth, he has won more Grammy Awards than any other solo artist in history.
- Multi-talented musician & singer, he ushered in a new era for R&B with popular tracks “I Just Called to Say I Love You,” “Superstition” and “Higher Ground.”
- Tireless advocate for the disabled and human and equal rights, he helped make Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday a federal holiday.

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Born Apr. 2, 1939 in Wash., D.C.
Died 1984

- Versatile vocalist called the “Prince of Motown” and “Prince of Soul.”
- Motown session drummer before recording his hits “I Heard It Through The Grapevine,” “Sexual Healing” and “Ain’t That Peculiar.”
- “What’s Going On” was a response to escalating violence and political turmoil during the Vietnam War.
- His final album, *Midnight Love*, earned him two Grammys and an American Music Award.

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Born Feb. 6, 1945 in Jamaica
Died 1981

- Grew up in Trench Town, considered the Motown of Jamaica, and recorded *Legend*, the best-selling reggae album of all time.
- A gifted lyricist, his 1st hit single “Simmer Down” was recorded with the Wailers “Bunny” Livingston & Peter Tosh.
- Other global hits include “Get Up Stand Up,” “I Shot The Sheriff” and “Buffalo Soldier.”
- Practiced Rastafari and recorded the seminal album *Exodus* about his Pan-Africanist beliefs.

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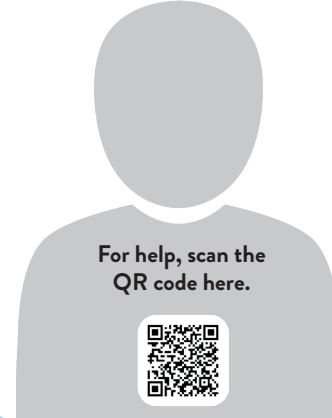


Born Oct. 17, 1972 in MO

- Superb, controversial rapper from Detroit born as Marshall Mathers.
- Dr. Dre signed him and quickly produced the record-breaking albums *The Slim Shady LP* & *The Marshall Mathers LP*.
- Greatest hits include “Lose Yourself,” “Till I Collapse” & “8 Mile,” also the title of an Academy Award-winning movie about him.
- “Godzilla” holds the world record for fastest song with 7.5 words per second!

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Founded 1983 in Queens, NY

- Hip hop group of Joseph Simmons, Darryl McDaniels & Jason Mizell.
- Their self-titled album was the first hip hop album to certify Gold; included protest song “It’s Like That.”
- Their popular cover of Aerosmith’s “Walk This Way” peaked higher on Billboard charts than the original.
- Their *Raising Hell* album was inducted into the National Recording Registry by the Library of Congress for its significance in American history and culture.

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Born Jun. 16, 1971 in Harlem
Died 1996

- One of the most influential rappers in history for producing music highlighting social injustice, inequality and difficult urban life.
- Popularized gangsta rap and was also a critically acclaimed actor.
- His album *Me Against the World* reached the top of the charts and *All Eyez on Me* produced the hit singles, “California Love” and “How Do You Want It?”
- Had 11 albums go platinum (7 after his passing).



RAP & HIP HOP

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Born Dec. 4, 1969 in Brooklyn

- Born Shawn Corey Carter, he founded Roc-A-Fella Records with Damon Dash & Kareem Burke.
- Released numerous hits like “Big Pimpin’” & “I Just Wanna Love You,” and *Vol. 2...Hard Knock Life* cemented his hip hop legacy by winning 2 Grammys.
- 1st rapper inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.
- Parlayed early success to become President of Def Jam Recordings and launch multiple business & charitable endeavors.

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Formed 1981 in Brooklyn

- Hardcore punk-turned-hip hop legends, they released the hit albums *Licensed to Ill*, *Check Your Head* & *Ill Communication*.
- Masters of sampling others’ music in their own works such as “Sabotage,” “No Sleep till Brooklyn” and “Girls.”
- Members Adam “MCA” Yauch, Michael “Mike D” Diamond & Adam “Adrock” Horovitz were supporters of Tibetan rights.
- “(You Gotta) Fight For Your Right (To Party!)” made the list *Songs That Shaped Rock & Roll*.”

ELVIS PRESLEY



Born Jan. 8, 1935 in MS
Died 1977

- One of the most well-known singers, actors and cultural icons in history, he's known as the "King of Rock and Roll."
- He's sold over 600 million records worldwide, easily one of the best-selling solo artists in history.
- Though he never wrote any of his own songs, he had many #1 albums & singles, including "Love Me Tender," "All Shook Up," "Hound Dog" & "Don't Be Cruel."

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Born Aug. 16, 1958 in MI

- Daring and provocative, she is a highly influential & successful singer, songwriter and actress.
- Her iconic hits include "Like A Prayer," "Express Yourself," "Vogue" and "Live To Tell."
- A successful businesswoman and actress as well, winning the Best Actress Golden Globe for *Evita*.
- With more than 300 million records sold worldwide, the "Queen of Pop" is the best selling female recording artist of all time!



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Born Aug. 29, 1958 in IN
Died 2009

- This "King of Pop" began in a band with his 4 brothers before massive success as a solo artist.
- *Thriller* became the best-selling album of all time and his hits "Billie Jean," "Man In The Mirror" & "Black Or White" helped break down racial inequality & injustice.
- A global, cultural icon in music, fashion & dance (he showed us how to moonwalk!), he is the most awarded individual music artist in history.

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Born Jan. 8, 1947 in London
Died 2016

- Born David Robert Jones he sold over 100m records, 5 of which made *Rolling Stone's* Greatest Albums of All Time.
- Experimented musically & visually, as when he transformed himself into his glam rock alter ego *Ziggy Stardust*.
- Classic tracks include "Heroes," "Let's Dance" & "Under Pressure."
- His perfectly timed release of "Space Oddity" in 1969 "landed" just 9 days before Apollo 11's moon landing!

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Born Apr. 24, 1942 in NYC

- Singer, songwriter and actress who is the best-selling female recording artist of all time.
- Musical talent apparent in "The Way We Were," "Evergreen" & "You Don't Bring Me Flowers."
- Wrote, directed or starred in (or sometimes all 3!) critically acclaimed films *Funny Girl*, *Yentl* and *A Star Is Born*.
- Incredible talent who is the only artist to win at least one Oscar, Grammy, Emmy, Tony & Golden Globe!

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Born Aug. 9, 1963 in NJ
Died 2012

- Soulful pop icon known as “The Voice,” she was a gospel singer before her national debut on *The Merv Griffin Show*.
- “Greatest Love of All,” “How Will I Know” & “I Wanna Dance With Somebody” are timeless hits, & “I Will Always Love You” from *The Bodyguard* (in which she starred) is her signature song.
- With a total of 415 awards, incl. Emmys, Grammys, Billboard & American Music Awards, she is the most awarded female artist of all time.

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Born Dec. 12, 1915 in NJ
Died 1998

- “Ol’ Blue Eyes” is one of the most recognizable American singers and actors in history.
- An iconic member of the famed Hollywood “Rat Pack,” his most popular songs include “My Way,” “New York, New York,” “Strangers In The Night” & “Fly Me To The Moon.”
- Also an acclaimed actor in many films & musicals, he won an Academy Award for his role in *From Here to Eternity*.

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Born Nov. 7, 1943 in Canada

- Born Roberta Joan Anderson, *Rolling Stone* called this jazz-influenced folk rocker “one of the greatest songwriters ever.”
- Her album *Blue* is considered an all-time classic and her popular songs include “A Case of You,” “River” & “Both Sides, Now.”
- Deeply influenced other musicians as varied as Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, Led Zeppelin, Tool and Taylor Swift.
- Won 9 Grammy Awards and a Lifetime Achievement Award.



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Born Mar. 17, 1969 in NY

- Known for her vocal range, melismatic singing & mastery of the whistle register, she's referred to as the “Songbird Supreme.”
- Achieved global success with albums *Music Box* & *Daydream*, and hits like “Hero,” “One Sweet Day” & “Always Be My Baby.”
- Also nicknamed “Queen of Christmas” for 1994’s “All I Want for Christmas Is You,” which is still a holiday standard!
- Multi-award winning, she has the most #1 singles by a solo artist in history.

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Born May 9, 1949 in The Bronx

- Based on his famous song and album of the same name, “The Piano Man” is one of the best selling artists of all time.
- *The Stranger* became his recording company's best selling release & 52nd Street won Album Of The Year.
- His brilliant hits include “Just The Way You Are,” “We Didn't Start The Fire,” “Uptown Girl,” “Captain Jack,” and “The Longest Time.”
- In the Songwriters and Rock & Roll Halls Of Fame, and a Kennedy Center Honor recipient.

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EDWARD VAN HALEN



Born Jan. 26, 1955, Netherlands
Died 2020

- Guitar prodigy who dominated rock after forming his eponymous band with drummer brother Alex.
- Known for perfecting the 2 finger tapping technique, his genius is apparent on classics "You Really Got Me," "Hot For Teacher," "Panama" and "Eruption."
- Also played the guitar solo on Michael Jackson's "Beat It," which ironically beat his own 1984 for No. 1 on the charts.
- Inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2007.

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